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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, Applicant submits the following response, along with a petition for a one-month extension of time extending the time to respond to the office action to March 8, 2004 (March 7, 2004 being a Sunday).